

**METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR HANDLING E-MAIL MESSAGES
IN A COMMUNICATION SYSTEM**

Abstract of the Disclosure

The invention relates to a method and system for
5 handling E-mail messages in a communication system.
According to the present invention in a communication system
comprising one or several intermediate receivers any
attachment in an E-mail message is detached in the
intermediate receiver and stored. Furthermore the attachment
10 is replaced with a reference to the stored attachment before
the E-mail message is forwarded to the recipient. With the
use of the present invention the attachment of the E-mail
stays always as close as possible to the receiver location.
Changes to E-mail handling components on the sender's side
15 and in the transmitting network are not necessary. Since
storage and transmission of redundant data is suppressed,
there are considerable savings of transmission cost, disk
space, and mailing time.